

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2005**

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**MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Pennsylvania**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

121 Gamma Drive

**1-15579**  
(Commission File Number)

**25-0668780**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

15238

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**RIDC Industrial Park**

**O Hara Township**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (412) 967-3000**

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 19, 2005, the Company issued a press release clarifying the purpose of the previously-announced sale of shares to the Company by the estate of Mary Irene Ryan. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated January 19, 2005.



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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